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60 STOPS IN 60 DAYS: DAYS 1-45 MARCH 3 – APRIL 16, 2005

From March 3 – May 1, 2005, Administration officials – from President Bush and Vice President Cheney to Cabinet members and policy experts – are traveling throughout the country as part of a coordinated 60-day tour to discuss the President's message of strengthening Social Security with the American people.

Tomorrow marks day 45 of the 60 Stops in 60 Days tour. So far, Administration officials have traveled to 129 events in 38 states to talk about the need for a permanent fix to save Social Security for future generations.

"Momentum continues to grow and pick up steam with every day of the Administration's 60 Stops in 60 Days tour," said Treasury Secretary John Snow. "We have spent and will continue to spend a lot of time on Social Security and our efforts are paying off. More and more Americans, young, old and in between, understand the significance of the problems facing Social Security and the need for a permanent solution."

Next week, the 60 Stops in 60 Days tour heads into week seven. President Bush and members of his Cabinet will fan out to 12 states to take the message of strengthening Social Security to California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Missouri, North Carolina, New Mexico, New York, South Carolina and Washington as the tour continues.



Days 1 - 30

Over the first 30 days of the 60 Stops in 60 Days tour, Administration officials traveled to more than 100 events in 32 states to talk about the need for a permanent fix to save Social Security for future generations.

View all tour events online at http://www.strengtheningsocialsecurity.gov/60stops/.

Days 31-45

- 4/4/05: Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao delivered remarks on retirement security in Dallas, TX (#108)
- 4/4/05: Deputy Secretary of Labor Steve Law participated in a Social Security event in Manchester, NH (#109)
- 4/4/05: SBA Deputy Administrator Melanie Sabelhaus participated in a Social Security event in Waterbury, CT (#110)
- 4/4/05: Josh Bolten, Director or the Office of Management and Budget, participated in a town hall meeting Rep. Scott Garrett in Dumont, NJ (#111)
- 4/5/05: President Bush toured the Bureau of Public Debt and delivered remarks on Strengthening Social Security at West Virginia University at Parkersburg in Parkersburg, WV (#112)
- 4/5/05: SBA Deputy Administrator Melanie Sabelhaus participated in a Social Security event in Philadelphia, PA (#113)
- 4/6/05: SBA Administrator Hector Barreto delivered remarks on Social Security to the Virginia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in Richmond, VA (#114)
- 4/11/05: Labor Secretary Elaine Chao delivered remarks on Social Security in Cincinnati, OH (#115)
- 4/11/05: Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt and SSA Deputy Commissioner Jim Lockhart participated in a conversation on Social Security in Philadelphia, PA (#116)
- 4/11/05: Treasury General Counsel and Acting Deputy Secretary Arnold Havens delivered remarks on Social Security at the Rotary Club in Aiken, SC (#117)
- 4/11/05: Treasury General Counsel and Acting Deputy Secretary Arnold Havens delivered remarks on Social Security to University of South Carolina-Aiken students and faculty (#118)
- 4/12/05:SBA Administrator Hector Barreto delivered remarks on Social Security in Atlanta, GA (#119)
- 4/13/05: Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt participated in a conversation on Social Security in Chicago, IL (#120)
- 4/13/05: SBA Administrator Hector Barreto delivered remarks on Social Security in New Orleans, LA (#121)
- 4/13/05: Dan lannicola Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, delivered remarks on Social Security and financial education in Providence, RI (#122)
- 4/14/05: U.S. Treasurer Anna Cabral delivered remarks on Social Security to the Cartersville-Bartow County Chamber of Commerce in Cartersville, GA (#123)
- 4/14/05: U.S. Treasurer Anna Cabral delivered remarks on Social Security to the Rotary Club in Rome, GA (#124)
- 4/14/05: U.S. Treasurer Anna Cabral delivered remarks on Social Security to the Friends of Smyrna Library in Smyrna, GA (#125)
- 4/14/05: SBA Administrator Hector Barreto delivered remarks on Social Security in Columbus, GA (#126)
- 4/15/05: President Bush participated in a roundtable on strengthening Social Security at Lakeland Community College in Kirtland, Ohio (#127)
- 4/15/05: Vice President Cheney delivered remarks and participates in a town hall meeting at Burlington County College in Pemberton, NJ (#128)
- 4/16/05: SSA Deputy Administrator Jim Lockhart participated in a town hall meeting with Rep. Cynthia McKinney in Decatur, GA (#129)

Day 35: Radio Day

On April 6, 2005, the Treasury Department hosted a Strengthening Social Security Radio Day, the first ever event of its kind to be held at the agency. 26 radio programs broadcast from the Treasury Department and an estimated 15-20 million Americans heard more than two dozen Administration officials give 199 interviews. Read more about Radio Day.

What They're Saying

Recent press coverage of the 60 Stops in 60 Days tour includes:

- <u>Providence Business News</u> covered Deputy Assistant Secretary Dan Iannicola's remarks to Rhode Islanders about the importance of Social Security reform.
- "Two or three months ago, no one was talking about the problems Social Security is facing," Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao told an audience at Xavier University in Cincinnati, OH. Read the *Cincinnati Enquirer* story.
- Treasury Assistant Secretary Mark Warshawsky talked Social Security with West Virginia's Hoppy Kercheval at Radio Day. <u>Listen to the interview</u>.
- <u>The Aiken Standard</u> reports that Treasury General Counsel and Acting Deputy Secretary Arnold Havens, "found scores of business students very much interested in Social Security reform and corporate responsibility" in Aiken, SC on Monday.
- Secretary Leavitt's visit to the Windy City was covered by <u>The Chicago Sun-Times</u>.
- "It's important to sift through the weeds" of information about Social Security, [U.S. Treasurer Anna] Cabral told the Cartersville-Bartow County Chamber of Commerce, reports the *Daily Tribune News (Cartersville, GA)*.
- Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao discussed Social Security with Cincinnati's WKRC-TV while in Cincinnati Monday.
- <u>The Advocate (Baton Rouge, LA)</u> covered SBA Administrator Hector Barreto's Social Security event with Louisiana small business owners in New Orleans, LA.